prices. As regards cotton yarn, the Government has already announced a ceiling of 100 million kgs. of cotton yarn for export for the year 1994.

(d) The Government has fixed the production target of 14 million bales of 170 kgs. each of cotton for the Eighth Five Year Plan.

**Subsidy to purchase fertilizer in Madhya Pradesh and Maharashta**

521. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV :

SHRI GOVIN DRAO ADIK:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) what are the details of the amount of. subsidy so far provided to each district of Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra during the current financial year so as to enable the farmers to purchase fertilizers at concessional rates ;

(b) what was the amount of subsidy provided to each district during 1992-93 and 1993-94 indicating increase/decrease if any, during 1994-95 with reasons therefor ;

(c) whether there is any check by Government to ensure that the subsidy provided is utilised for the benefit of farmers only and not for any other purposes ;

(d) whether any aid has been received from international financial research of agriculture in Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra during the period of 1992-93, 1993-34; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and allocation made by way of internal/ external assistance to farmers district-wise ? . . . .

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NE-TAM) : (a) During 1992-93 and 93-94, funds, for sale of decontrolled phosphatic and potassic fertilizers with' concession to the farmers, were released not district-wise but for the State as a whole taking into account the requirements projected by the State, their past con-s. mption and availability of funds for the prurpose. During the current financial year, no funds have so far been allocated to those two States under this scheme. However, duriag 1994-95, it has been decided to make payments directly to the manufacturers/importers (for MOP) based on reports of sales received from the States/Union Territories.

(b) Funds released to Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra during 1992-93 and 1993-94 are indicated I below : '

(Rs. in lakhs

| State | Funds released | |
|---|---|---|
| | 1992-93 | 1993-94 |
| Madhya Pradesh . | 1825.00 | 3192.50 |
| Maharashtra . . | 1682.00 | 6220.85 |

As indicated above, during 1994-95, it has been decided to make payments directly to the manufactu-rers/importers (for MOP).

(c) Yes, Sir Detailed guidenlines for implementation of the scheme have been issued to the States/ Union Territories and the progress of implementation is beng monitored periodically.

(d) and (e) The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**प्राकृतिक आपदा राहत**

522. श्री दिलीप सिंह जूदेव : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) प्राकृतिक आपदा राहत शीर्ष के अंतर्गत राज्यों को इस समय केन्द्रीय सहायता के आबंटन हेतु किन-किन